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DD/AIR IN KARNATAKA
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas in Karnataka State has been given Radio and Doordarshan coverage as on date;

(b) the year by which the entire State would be given 100% AIR/DD coverage; and

(c) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): AIR & Doordarshan presently cover 96.4% and 76% of the area respectively and97.3% and 82% of population respectively in Karnataka. However, the entire country is covered by Doordarshan signals in satellite mode.

(b) & (c): Provision of AIR & Doordarshan services to uncovered areas is a continuousprocess. Hence, no time frame can be given. AIR & Doordarshan reach is estimated tobe available to 98.48% and 76.2% of area respectively and 98.75% and 82.4% of population respectively in Karnataka, after completion of projects currently under implementation.